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To:

Each Supervisor

From:

Michael J. Henry

Director of Personnel

Subject:

BLUE CROSS PROVIDER ISSUE

This is to provide you with changes in Blue Cross' provider network that impacts some County employees and their families enrolled in the CaliforniaCare HMO, Blue Cross Plus Point-of-Service, Prudent Buyer PPO, and Blue Cross Catastrophic plans. It is important to note that benefits remain unchanged and there will be no disruption of care.

Blue Cross advised us that East Valley Hospital Medical Center terminated its contract with Blue Cross effective July 18, 2006.

Blue Cross is mailing letters to all affected employees announcing the termination and informing them of alternate hospitals in the area. Blue Cross is developing a continuity of care plan for employees who are pregnant, currently undergoing a course of treatment, or have a pre-authorization of scheduled services. Blue Cross network physicians who admit to East Valley Hospital Medical Center have been notified of the termination and will arrange for admissions of all Blue Cross members to alternate facilities.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may call Marian Hall, Senior Human Resources Manager, at (213) 738-2255.

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